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**CITY OF STOCKTON REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO COMMENT PERIOD
ON THE DRAFT EIR FOR THE DELTA PLAN**

The City of Stockton (City) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Draft Delta Plan, for which the 60-day public review period ends on January 3, 2012. The City understands that the 60-day review period exceeds the minimum 45-day review period authorized under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this draft EIR. However, due to the voluminous (+2,200 pages) and complex nature of the Draft EIR, the fact that the review period falls during two major holiday periods, and the significance of the Delta Plan on Stockton, the City is respectfully and officially requesting that the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) extend the public review period for an additional 90 days, ending on April 2, 2012. The City has substantially reduced staff resources and this time extension will facilitate an adequate review by our staff and will allow for appropriate input by all affected parties, including our City Council, Planning Commission, and Development Oversight Commission.

The City looks forward to your favorable response to our time extension request. The City is committed to our continued coordination with the Delta Stewardship Council and staff in the review of the Draft EIR and the ongoing review and future adoption and implementation of the Delta Plan. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this request, please contact Deputy City Manager Michael E. Locke at (209) 937-5011 or City Attorney John Luebberke at (209) 937-8934.

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